

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Katherine Koupal was born on November 5, 1913, to Mike and Rose Koupal, one of eight children, on a farm south of Dante, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Katherine attended school until the age of 16, when her mother passed away Katherine and took over the responsibilities of household chores and caring for a younger sister and brother, until her father remarried a few years later, adding two step-sisters and later a half-brother to the family; and,

Whereas, Katherine was united in marriage to Joseph Slaba on November 5, 1935, and to this union three children were born, who in turn presented them with 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Joe and Katherine moved to Wagner after retiring from farming in 1965, and Katherine continued to work in several businesses until the age of 87 years; and,

Whereas, Katherine had the good fortune of traveling to many places, and it was during the preparation to travel out of the United States that Katherine discovered she had celebrated her birthday on November 12th for 60 years; and,

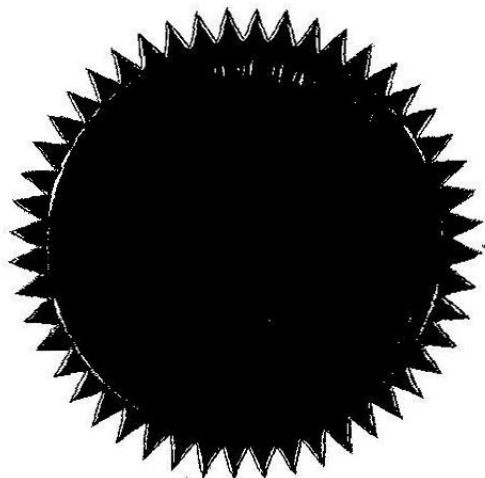
Whereas, Katherine is a member of St. John's Catholic Church, where she is still an active member of the alter society, and she is the "best" when it comes to kolaches, roliches, and apple strudel; and,

Whereas, Katherine will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 5, 2003, as

KATHERINE SLABA DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State